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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 11/19/02, please consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A container for use in the disposal of food wastes, the container comprising:
a liquid impervious wall having inner and outer surfaces;
an absorbent material having deposited thereon an effective amount of an odor-neutralizing composition for neutralizing odors emitted by food wastes;
the odor-neutralizing composition comprising cyclodextrin;
wherein the absorbent material is inside the container.

3. (Amended) A container according to claim 2 adapted to be closed and sealed.

5. (Twice amended) A container according to claim 1 wherein the odor-neutralizing composition further comprises an ingredient selected from a group consisting of activated charcoal, baking soda, absorbent gelling material, zeolite, silica and mixtures thereof.

6. (Twice amended) A container according to claim 1 wherein the odor-neutralizing composition further comprises a chelant.

7. (Twice amended) A container according to claim 1 wherein the odor-neutralizing composition further comprises an antimicrobial agent.

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